



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 6 June 2016, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Clair Ponting, Antony Constantinidi, Helen Willcox, Jim Dawson

- 1 Apologies:** Debbie Blackmore, Parveen Jones, Sallyanne Lewis, Liz Gray, Grace Bramer, Julian Sondheimer
- 2 Minutes of Last Meeting** - approved and adopted
- 3 Update Action List** – updated version will be circulated
 - ◆ Philippa had re-circulated the safety plan.
 - ◆ Pascal, a junior parent, has a friend who runs safety sessions at the canoe club for how to use a throw line.
 - ◆ Need to revisit next month the issue of life jackets
 - ◆ Blades no further forward.
 - ◆ Checking of boats, Nic & Jon were doing, the Mens 4, 8, Jnr 4x and John Hodge had been done, the rest need doing.
 - ◆ Debbie has advertised Gudgeon, enquiries coming in but nothing concrete yet.
 - ◆ Subs – ongoing
 - ◆ Trust Deed – Chris Levan is chasing.
 - ◆ Defib application – AC applied for it, it needs to be approved by the SW Health Authority.
 - ◆ Facebook page – unsure of position. Grace had completed the google calendar.
 - ◆ Westport – Philippa attended this.
 - ◆ Flood Plan – Liz had done this, needs slight tweaks regarding levels.
 - ◆ Emergency phone list – Helen is dealing with is.
 - ◆ Carrier bags – Liz was looking into this but not aware of any update as yet.
 - ◆ Penny had updated website.
 - ◆ Bridge foliage needs working on – perhaps a working party.
 - ◆ Type pressure on the trailer – Penny will write the pressures on the trailer
 - ◆ Philippa is looking into running a club dinner in the autumn, maybe September.
 - ◆ Maybe an idea to paint the blades in the summer holidays as lots of club members work in school/have children and hopefully the weather will be better.

4 Reports (attached circulated)

Captain

Penny will company regarding the blades.

Regarding weights – we should not be leaving free weights lying around in the facilities block. It was suggested that we could use the West Wing to house free weights (once it has had a bit of a clear up!).

Parveen emailed round about the Junior weights. These have been ordered, 8, 10.5 and 12. Will assess usage.

Juniors

Resleeving macons and turning them into training blades. Antony will contact Jerry asking if we could get blades done.

Men's

No report.

Women's

Congratulations to Sal's crew with Patsy as a sub at Bristol Avon regatta.

Novice

Clair to send Helen an update on the new women. Nothing much happening at the moment except that Clair was booking enquiries into a spreadsheet and looking at dates to run the next LTR course.

Safety

No report.

5 Boathouse Management Committee Issues

- ◆ Bodman would be starting imminently, Antony had a long list for them!

6 Safety and Governance

None.

7 Events

Regatta

Bank is great, made such a difference. According to the figures sent round, looks like it made a profit and it ran on time. One comment was to move the speakers on the finish as they were too loud.

Avon Spring

Going to be trialing automatic timing (Webscorer), it had been used on the Tideway, let's see if it works for us. We will run it in tandem with the current timing system.

The profit from the Spring Head is £6,700 which is a record but we do need to buy new medals. A proposals was made that the medals are transferred to the club and the club purchases the medals for all the events and then the event pays only for what is used.

In 2 years time, Robin Leach will have been involved in running the Spring Head for 50 years. It was suggested that we had an anniversary mug or ribbon for the Spring Head in 2018 as a celebration.

Abbie Rees has stepped down from organising the personnel at the Spring Head so we are looking for a new person to take over this role. Jim will write a job description and advertise on rowing notices.

Monkton Bluefriars

Julian Bewick will not be running this years Head although it will still go ahead and Julian will assist. Looking into any Old Monktonians who can possibly take over the running of it. ACRC provides all the helpers for the event and Bluefriars do make a donation to the club.

9 Finance/Subs (previously circulated)

Julian not at the meeting so reviewed prepared reports.

10 New Members

Juniors

Henry King, Madeline Willmott, Tom Coomber, Olly Stafford, Grace Elliott

Adults

Jacqueline Siersted, Bethan Wyn Jones, Charlotte Best, Alex Wembridge.

Rejoiners

Matt Baines

Leavers

Holly Boulton

Antony provided numbers to Rhiannon at 184.

Those who are not rowing but still paying are being classed as 'donors'.

11 Any Other Business

Helen Will be stepping down as Women's Coordinator at the AGM as moving to London. Would still like to be on the committee as a general member. It was suggested that perhaps Patsy could take over the role of Women's Coordinator and it was suggested therefore that Patsy attend the next committee meeting. Liz also expressed an interest in the role and therefore it was wondered, as the squad was so large, if the role could be split between two. Discuss the way forward at the next meeting. There may also be others in the squad willing and wanting to take on the role but who don't know there is a vacancy.

Antony

Dealing with the illegal moorings upstream. Proposed Bath Marina additional moorings have been denied planning permission .

Penny

Please could Jim make some event trestles, around a dozen (6 pairs) to start with first to trail them.

12 Date and Time of Next

Last meeting of this Committee on Monday 18 July 2016, 7.30pm at Saltford Rowing Centre.

Captains report:

Equipment – purchase

Women's blades are ordered but will be a while as they don't have any suitable in stock. No news.
Hmm still no news – need to chase. Have tried to chase - no response ...
Boat lifters have been purchased (and already put to good use).

Equipment - Storage

A few of the boats have moved around the boathouse - issues?

Weights

I want to investigate the possibility of putting weight lifting equipment in the West wing.

Blade painting

Russel Lee has volunteered to paint blades but needs some help.

Results

BAS

N 80 Robin, Russ Lee, Mike, James, Oly, Chris, Russel Martin, Tim, Debbie Blackmore.
W Mas 4+ Kath, Helen, Sal, Patsy, Abbie
Mas 1X Antony

Matters Arising

Boat storage
Weights

Junior Coordinators Report:

Equipment

The Croker macons need resleeving

Junior Beginners

The second batch of beginners have started - unfortunately they seem to be loving it.

Capsize drill

28 were successfully dunked - despite the building site blocking the fire exit (that we bring the boats in through).

Results

BAS

J15 1X Olivier
J14 2X Charlie, Will
WJ15 4X+ Poppy, Amelia, Phoebe, Scarlett, Carla
WIM2 1X Carla

Scullery Regatta

WJ16 2X Molly, Bria
Bronze WJ17 1X Carla
Bronze - J14 2X Will, Charlie

Hereford Regatta

J17 2X Harry, Carla
J17 1X Harry
J14 2X Will, Charlie
WJ18 2X Carla, Ellie
WJ18 1X Ellie

Matters Arising

Resleeving sculls

Women's Report

Racing

Bristol Avon – Congratulations to WMas C 4+Sal, Patsy, Helen, Kath and Abbie.

Hereford – Congratulations to WMas E4x- Philippa, Di, Charlotte and Suze for winning their heat and commiserations for losing their next race. WIM3 4+ and WN4+ also entered.

Masters Champs - Crews Entered WMas B 4x-, WMas C 4+ and WMas B2-

No Matters arising

Note – amendment to previous report, two WMas 4x- were entered for Bristol Avon Regatta however due to the age difference the recommendation from Geoff Peattie was not to race under the Mas structure due to it being a 4 age bracket. WMas B crew withdrew having raced the previous week and was disheartened with a 2 age bracket handicap in addition to lots of on-going personal issues.

Beginner Report June 2016

April Course beginners

We had 39 people signed up for taster sessions and ended the course with 22 remaining though 2 of those have now officially dropped out at the end. (And, no, they didn't pay anything).

30 sessions were offered; the most enthusiastic people have done 16.

4 did the capsized drill.

21 have done the Virus skills test and, of those, 17 have done the safety induction.

17 have been in the eight, some several times.

8 have been in an Explore 2x, either with a more experienced club member or with another beginner.

Handing Over

Ten men have been "handed over" to Parveen (and Debbie) and outings arranged for them. The vet men and the IM3 men are helping on Wednesdays as well.

There are ten women. Not all want to race. The rest have been temporarily sorted into a quad and a four coxed by me and Julian on Thursdays and Sundays, and various doubles at various times. I am hoping some can be accommodated on Tuesdays as well so that they can meet some of the other women. A WhatsApp group is coming along well and everyone seems enthusiastic.

April Course helpers

There is a big list of people who have helped/coached at some point during this course. They are Philippa, Julian, Clair, Jo, Liz, Ivor, George, Charlotte, Mary, ChrisB, Oly, Little Russ, Big Russ, Debbie, Andy, Will, Johnny, Grace. Nevertheless, it has not been at all easy to organise helpers for the Wednesday and Thursday evenings. But Clair might have other ideas or other helpers in mind. Her novice eight is happily erging in the evenings.....just a thought.

August Beginners

I have sent the file of August enquiries to Clair; there are 36 people listed. Julian will redirect the new talent email to Clair.

Clash of the Clubs

We (Jane Turner and I) had decided to run Clash of the Clubs in October again, rescheduled for the day after Monkton. This is not ideal as it does not cater for our April beginners who have just finished, as of 29th May. I think Chris Browne and Charlotte Hook might be interested in organising a Clash of the Clubs (Summer Pudding?) on June 19th as originally planned. Happy to help if they do; we just need a couple of radios and two coxes. And some Minerva crews.

Philippa

June 2016

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB							
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 6 June 2016							
1. BANK BALANCE		This report (06/06/16)	Previous report (04/04/16)	Change			
Interest rate							
Current account - General		4,066	7,427	amended	(3,362)		
Current account - Captain		5,724	4,990		734		
Deposit account	0.05%	949	949		0		
100 Club account		794	779		15		
CAF Cash account		4,688	5,606		(918)		
CAF Gold account	0.15%	776	776		0		
Virgin Money account	1%*	17,608	17,520		88		
Total in bank		34,605	38,048		(3,443)		
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/05/16							
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)							
* 0.75% from 30/06/16							
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,379	881		499		
Debtors: Kit		192	98		94		
Total entries & kit debtors		1,571	979		593		
Debts incurred before 01/04/13 excluded.							
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT							
(excluding normal routine items)							Amount
refurb Tom, Dobby, Pigwidgeon, Hedwig, Scabbers, Errol, Fluffy, Norbert							6,972
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME							
							Amount
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)							2,000
oars (8 women sweep)							3,192
cox box							500
digester							6,500
Avon Spring Head dividend							TBA income
Bristol Avon Regatta dividend							3,000 income
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES							